



## Douglas J Mackinder

August 17, 1938 - November 25, 2020

Douglas J. Mackinder passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side on November 25, 2020. Doug was the son of Norris “Mac” and Evelyn Mackinder, born on August 17, 1938, in Kalamazoo, MI. He graduated from Kalamazoo College and Detroit College of Law and practiced real estate and probate law from 1963 until he retired in 2016 at Olds and Mackinder in Hartford, MI. He was an avid golfer, was a member of the South Haven Men’s Chorus, a member of his church choir, and spent many an hour at his local coffee shops. If asked, he would say his greatest joy was watching his grandchildren play sports, cheering on The University of Michigan basketball and football teams, and spending time with friends and family.

He is survived by his wife and high school sweetheart, Georgia Ann Freestone, whom he married on June 9, 1963, his daughters, Heather Valenziano of St. Joseph; and Rebecca (Brian) Wells of Chicago; grandchildren Francesca, Jack, and Aiden. Also surviving are brothers, Dennis Mackinder and Ron Prentice, his brother-in-law, Don Freestone, his sister-in-law, Dayla Mackinder, and his nieces, Tonda (Leon) Dimond, Tammy (Terry) Ridenour, Jennifer Hescott and Jeanine (Jeff) Jakobcic.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Larry Mackinder, and sister-in-law, Rosemarie Freestone.

According to his wishes, cremation has taken place and a private burial will occur at a later date. In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations can be made to the First Congregational Church of Bangor, Grand Junction Congregational Church or Hospice of Southwest Michigan.

Arrangements entrusted to the Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home, [www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ *Blessed to call this man my Uncle! His smile would light up a room & I will never forget his golf swing.  
Love always!!!*

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**Montana Hescott** - December 02, 2020 at 07:19 PM

BW

“ *Condolences to the Mackinder family. We first met Doug and Ann about 25 years ago when our son Brian began dating their daughter Rebecca. Since then we have become friends, in laws, and grandparents together. Doug always had a smile and kind word for everyone. RIP friend. Gone but not forgotten.*

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**Barbara Wells** - December 02, 2020 at 09:26 AM

BW

“ *Barbara Wells lit a candle in memory of  
Douglas J Mackinder*



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**Barbara Wells** - December 02, 2020 at 09:16 AM

KR

“ *To my favorite American dad: it was an honor to know you, a joy to share a year of my life with you, always fun revisiting you. We will meet again ... Krissy*

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**Kristien De Ruyter** - December 02, 2020 at 08:56 AM

WG

“ I first met Douglas Mackinder at Kalamazoo College in the spring of 1960. Since we both had plans to attend Detroit College of Law in the fall of 1960, we decided to room together. We did so until we graduated in the spring of 1963. Both of us were married that summer.

*In the years following our families remained close even though we were both attorneys in different towns where we also lived.*

*Many memories were made golfing, traveling, eating, and visiting together. Many times also included were special law school friends, the Bosmans and Hoffmans, as well as many other friends.*

*Our families have grown close in these 60 years. We celebrated many milestones together— births of children, marriages, births of grandchildren, and the passing of dear ones.*

*Doug has now passed to his heavenly, music-filled home. His memory remains with us in our hearts. We had the very best of friendships!*

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**Warren Brown and Joan Grosvenor** - November 30, 2020 at 10:57 AM

CC

*Our heartfelt condolences to Georgia and the rest of his family. They will have wonderful memories to rely on.*

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**chuck & Pat Cabbage** - November 30, 2020 at 04:09 PM

PP

*I graduated with Doug from Bangor High School in 1956, and I am sad to hear of his passing. My deepest sympathy to his wife Ann and his family. He was always an outstanding guy!*

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**Penny Grimes Popp** - December 02, 2020 at 02:01 PM

NS

*Dear Georgia and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I truly appreciated all that Doug had done for me over the years as not only my lawyer but also the advice he gave to me and to Gene. He was a classy gentleman and will be missed.*

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**Nancy Spoula** - December 03, 2020 at 11:30 AM

JH

*Words can't explain the love for my Uncle Doug. Many, many memories of holidays and vacations. Rest In Peace my dear uncle. You and mom can spend Christmas Together. Xxoo*

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**Jennifer Hescott** - December 08, 2020 at 05:32 PM

SV

*Hello Georgianne, Heather and Family,  
I just heard from Theresa that Doug had passed away. I am sure Doug will be greatly missed by all of you. Please know that all of you and Doug are in my prayers and thoughts.*

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**Sharon Vargo** - March 20, 2021 at 7:45 PM

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**Sharon Vargo** - March 20, 2021 at 07:52 PM

EB

“*Dear Georgia and family,  
So many fond memories beginning in law school, travels, shared vacations, meeting for dinner et al. We will miss Doug, a gentleman and a good friend.  
You are continuing to be in our thoughts and prayers!  
Love,  
Cal and Evie*

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**evelyn bosman** - November 29, 2020 at 09:46 PM

MB

“ What a sweet and amazing man your Dad was Heather!! Love the memories of him in Nantucket watching all of us young 20 somethings and making jokes and of course asking us where we were all going! He and Georgia were always so welcoming! It was such a treat to see them over the years at your house in South Haven, St Joseph or at their beautiful country home. He and Kurt would always catch up on the mortgage and title industry. :) I feel so lucky we had that special visit with them last summer. I can only imagine the incredible sadness all of you feel to lose him. Thanks for sharing him with us Heather, Rebecca and Georgia. Love you guys so much! The Bishops- Kurt, Misty, Evan, Jonah and Rowen

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**Michele Bishop** - November 29, 2020 at 05:13 PM

ME

“ I hold so many memories in my heart of this man and his wonderful family that it is difficult to share just one. From Doug's years before having his own children when I was young to shared times and experiences as adults. What I remember most was his golf swing! He was often making that gesture as if repetition alone would improve his game ( and perhaps it did)! "In my Father's house there are many mansions" and certainly his has eighteen holes! May he rest in peace. My deepest and heartfelt sympathy to Georgia Ann, Heather and Becky. There are no words....

-Melanie Thompson Walantyn Zeiger

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**Melanie** - November 29, 2020 at 11:44 AM

DM

“ The members of Coloma Lodge #162, Free and Accepted Mason convey sincere condolences to Georgia Ann and the family with the passing of our brother Douglas. Soft and safe to you, my brother be your earthly bed. Bright and glorious be your rising from it.

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**David E Mayne** - November 29, 2020 at 09:28 AM

BR

*Our deepest sympathies Georgia and family. We always enjoyed time spent with you and Doug.. we have many happy memories to recall, and know you will too. Love and hugs... he will be missed. Blaine and Bobbie*

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**Blaind and Bobbie Rex** - November 29, 2020 at 10:09 PM

CH

“ *Oh, Anne, so sorry to hear this. Your Faith and lots of great memories will see you through. RIP Doug. Carolyn Miller Herndon*

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**Carolyn Herndon** - November 29, 2020 at 08:46 AM

BB

*So sorry for your loss.*

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**Brenda Balfour** - November 29, 2020 at 12:23 PM

DJ

*Georgia, Caring thoughts for you and yours.  
Donna and Larry Johnson*

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**Donna Johnson** - November 29, 2020 at 07:42 PM